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Re: Application of Kenji TAKATA entitled
"SHEET-LIKE MEMBER CLEANING DEVICE
AND RADIATION IMAGE INFORMATION
READING APPARATUS WHICH INCORPORATES
SUCH SHEET-LIKE MEMBER CLEANING DEVICE"
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Reference: Q80437



Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/813,982 (Confirmation No. 6056) filed March 22, 2001, by Kenji TAKATA entitled "SHEET-LIKE MEMBER CLEANING DEVICE AND RADIATION IMAGE INFORMATION READING APPARATUS WHICH INCORPORATES SUCH SHEET-LIKE MEMBER CLEANING DEVICE."

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed are copies of the specification, including the claims and Abstract, thirteen (13) sheets of drawings as originally filed, thirteen (13) sheets of substitute drawings, a Preliminary Amendment and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing all of the references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application. A copy of the Assignment previously recorded as of March 22, 2001, on Reel 11642 at Frame 262 in the prior application is also enclosed herewith.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Anthony H. Nguyen in Group Art Unit 2854.

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/813,982 filed March 22, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-085445	March 24, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent application Serial No. 09/813,982 on March 22, 2001.



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After entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>0</u>
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TOTAL FILING FEE

\$770.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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